

cumbent sheriffs, coroners, public administrators, and other interested groups within the State of California to provide refresher courses and to introduce new techniques.

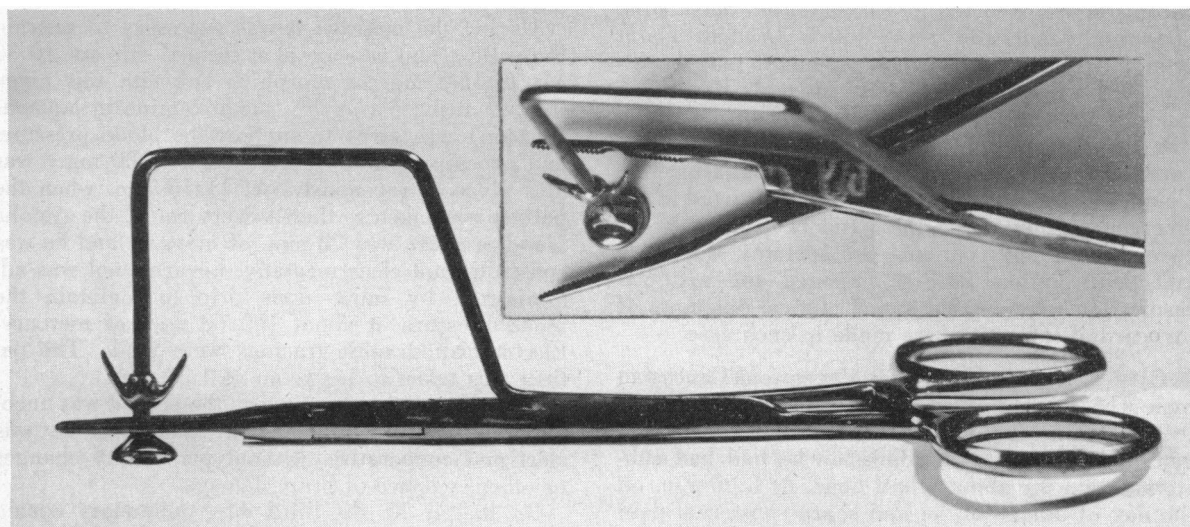
6. That provision be made temporarily for adequately trained personnel to be available for consultation in rural areas where facilities currently do not exist and where minimum budgets preclude the full or part time employment of specialists in the respective fields.

7. That the local option of rural communities be maintained and that the principle of county or home rule continue to be recognized. Within such areas, however, it is suggested that a well balanced and comprehensive campaign of public education be instituted for the dissemination of information regarding the legal background, the social necessities and the proper functions of an office of medicolegal investigation.

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A New Circumcision Instrument

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THE INSTRUMENT pictured* is designed to make circumcision easier and quicker. The bell shaped dome (which has openings in it to permit the escape of urine) fits over the tip of the glans penis, and the two prongs are used to hold the foreskin forward under tension. Since the blades of the hemostat are notched to fit around the rod on which the bell dome and the prongs are mounted (see inset), they can be clamped together tightly enough to effect hemostasis in the prepuce at the operative site.

In the use of this instrument, the first step is to free any adhesions of the prepuce to the glans, spread the prepuce with forceps, retract it behind the corona, then return it to its original position covering the glans. This done, the hemostatic blades

of the clamp are spread wide, the bell dome is placed on the tip of the glans, and the prepuce is drawn upward with forceps and hooked on the two prongs to hold it in place. If the penis is small, the prepuce need not be drawn taut; but if of average size or larger, more tension must be used in order that after the operation there will be enough retraction to draw the remaining skin back beyond the corona.

With the prepuce held forward on the prongs at the right degree of tension, the hemostat is clamped and the prepuce is cut off with scissors and scalpel flush with the jaw of the hemostat. As soon as clotting occurs, the clamp is opened and the bell dome is gently removed from the glans. If a dressing is needed, gauze impregnated with petroleum jelly is suitable.

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*Made to author's specifications. Not generally available.